(c) The airside security gate through which heavy packages were earlier being delivered have been permanently closed. The watch and ward set up at the Cargo Terminal has been revamped and additional police force deployed for the airside security. CCTV has been installed to monitor physical handling of cargo by loaders and staff. The character and antecedents of loaders have been verified through police and the services of persons with doubtful background have been dispensed with. Damaged packages are now invariably being repacked to prevent pilferage.

Decaying of Tagore's paintings

4016. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Telegraph datd the 27th June, 1988 under the caption "Tagore paintings decaying";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction in the matter and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to prevent decaying of the paintings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Historical places in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

4017. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop historical places, having tourist potential in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) The Central Department of Tourism does not undertake development of historical places but provides financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure at historical places which have tourism potential. Financial assistance is provided to States, including Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, for creation of infrastructure like Yatri Niwases, Wayside facilities, Floodlighting of monuments Sound and Light Shows, Cafeterias, etc. In addition, the Department also undertakes preparation of Master Plans for places of historical importance.

Observance of first Anniversary of Roop Kanwar in Deorala

4018. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the people in Deorala and adjoining villages in Rajasthan propose to observe the first anniversary of Roop Kanwar on September 4, 1988; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is for the State Government of Rajasthan to take necessary action to prevent glorification of "Sati". It is reported that the State Government has initiated action to enforce the provisions of the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987, which also prohibits glorification of Sati in any manner. The District authorities have been given clear directions to persuade people not to come Deorala for "Sati Puja" or any public show to eulogise the Sati practice. The village pradhans in all the 27 districts have also been address-

ed in the matter as part of a persuasion campaign.

Impor of steel rails

4019. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are importing various types of steel rails for new rail tracks and for replacement of old and worn-out tracks;

(b) if so, what are the details of imports made in 1987-88, names of overseas suppliers, quantities and types imported from each and the cost paid in foreign exchange to each; and

(c) what are the estimates of imports in 1988-89 and 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the imports made in 1987-88 are given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(c) The estimates of imports for 1988-89 and 1989-90 are 1.67 lakh tonnes and 1.78 lakh tonnes, respectively.

Statement

Details of Rails Imported in 1987-88

Name of the Overseas Supplier	Type of Rails	Quantity (in tonnes)	Cost paid in foreign exchange (in Cr. Rs.)
M/s Sydney Steel Corporation, Canada	60 Kg. 90 UTS	30,000	15.72
M/s Voest Alpine, Austria	52 Kg. 90 UTS	35,000	17 5
M/s Samsung Company Ltd., South Korea	52 Kg. 90 UTS	15,000	7.5
M/s British Steel Corporation, United Kingdom	52 Kg. 90 UTS	9,000	8 56
M/s British Steel Corporation, United Kingdom	52 Kg. Head Hardened	6 000	
M/s Ferrostaal, West Germany	90 R 90 UTS	35,000	16 73
M/s Le Materiel De Voie, France	90 R 90 UTS	20,000	7 22
M/s British Steel Corporation, United Kingdom	75 lb. 90 UTS	20,000	9 84
	TOTAL :	1,70,000	83 07